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### **INDIANA HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION INCREASES LOWEST IN 24 YEARS**

Increases in tuition and fees at Indiana colleges and universities are the lowest in 24 years, reports the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. The average increase for the 2000-2001 academic year is 3.5%, making it the lowest increase since the General Assembly froze fees in 1976-77.

"It's important to see a continued commitment to keeping college costs low," said Governor Frank O'Bannon. "Affordable tuition is especially important for our adult students struggling to meet the financial demands of providing for a family while pursuing a higher education."

This is the second year in a row that the Commission has reported only slight increases in public higher education tuition. A significant reason for the back-to-back modest increases is the state-funded tuition freeze at Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University. The 1999 General Assembly provided state funds to freeze tuition at Ivy Tech and Vincennes University in a show of support for Governor O'Bannon's Community College of Indiana initiative.

Ivy Tech followed the freeze by rolling tuition back by an additional 0.5% for the 1999-2000 academic year. Ivy Tech trustees are expected to approve these same tuition/fees at their June meeting.

"We are committed to holding the line on tuition costs in the future," said Stan Jones, Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education. "We want the price of education in Indiana to be as competitive as its quality," Jones continued.

Purdue University students will see their tuition and fees increase by 4%. Tuition and fees for engineers will increase from \$4,124 to \$4,288, while tuition and fees for non-engineers will increase from \$3,724 to \$3,872.

At Indiana University, tuition and fees for students in the University Division, which includes most freshmen and many sophomores, will increase 3.5%, from \$4,262 to \$4,413. Business students will see their tuition and fees increase 3.3%, from \$4,612 to \$4,763, while all other majors will see an increase of 3.6%, from \$4,212 to \$4,363.

Tuition and fees will increase by 5.3% at the University of Southern Indiana. The increase includes a 1% increase in fees to fund the construction and operation of a new wellness and fitness center available to all USI students.

Students at Indiana State University and Ball State University will see their tuition increase by 4% and 3.9%, respectively.

A copy of *Indiana Public Higher Education Tuition/Fee Increases Effective Fall 2000* is attached.

Indiana Public Higher Education Tuition/Fee Increases -- Effective Fall 2000

	Full-time Indiana Resident Undergraduate Tuition/Fees		
	1999-00	2000-01	
	<u>Rate</u>	Percent <u>Increase</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<b>INDIANA UNIVERSITY</b>			
Bloomington			
University Division (most Freshmen)	\$4,262	3.5%	\$4,413
Business Majors	4,612	3.3%	4,763
Other Majors	4,212	3.6%	4,363
East (Richmond)	3,104	3.3%	3,206
Kokomo	3,104	3.5%	3,212
Northwest	3,128	3.5%	3,237
South Bend	3,197	3.2%	3,300
Southeast (New Albany)	3,092	5.1%	3,248
IUPUI	3,713	4.5%	3,881
<b>PURDUE UNIVERSITY</b>			
West Lafayette			
Engineering Majors	4,124	4.0%	4,288
Other Majors	3,724	4.0%	3,872
Calumet	3,201	4.0%	3,329
North Central (Westville)	3,210	4.0%	3,339
IUPU Ft. Wayne	3,534	4.2%	3,683
Indiana State University	3,426	4.0%	3,564
University of Southern Indiana	2,828	5.3%	2,978
Ball State University	3,686	3.9%	3,830
Vincennes University	2,540	0.0%	2,540
Ivy Tech State College*	1,986	0.0%	1,986
<b>Weighted Average</b>	<b>\$3,323</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>\$3,438</b>

\*Subject to trustee action June 2000.